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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS

1. ON JANUARY 9 NETHERLANDS DCM BARON VAN AERSSSEN CALLED ON DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACDA ZURHELLEN ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HAGUE.

2. VAN AERSSSEN INQUIRED IF RECENT MEETING OF US AND FRENCH PRESIDENTS AT MARTINIQUE INCLUDED ANY RESULTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE AND IF ANYTHING FURTHER HAD SINCE OCCURRED ON THIS MATTER BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. ZURHELLEN CALLED ATTENTION TO MARTINIQUE COMMUNIQUE REFER-

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ENCE TO NUCLEAR SAFEGUARD COORDINATION. TWO GOVERNMENTS

AGREED TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON THIS QUESTION BUT THIS HAS NOT YET BEEN DONE.

3. VAN AERSSSEN SAID THAT NETHERLANDS IS CONCERNED THAT FRANCE HAS REFUSED TO ADHERE TO NPT AND NETHERLANDS BELIEVES THAT FOR ANY NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE TO BE MEANINGFUL WOULD REQUIRE COOPERATION OF FRANCE. ZURHELLEN RESPONDED THAT WE TOO WERE SENSITIVE TO IMPORTANCE OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION.

4. VAN AERSSSEN SAID THAT BECAUSE OF FRENCH ATTITUDE NETHERLANDS PARTICULARLY WANTED TO BE INCLUDED IN CONSULTATIONS RELATING TO A SUPPLIER CONFERENCE AND TO BE INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE, AS NETHERLANDS WILL BE IN FUTURE AN EXPORTER OF ENRICHED URANIUM AND NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. HE CONTINUED BY NOTING THAT THE NETHERLANDS HAD NOT BEEN INVITED TO SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE, EVEN THOUGH THE NETHERLANDS IS AN EQUAL PARTNER WITH FRG AND THE U.K. (AND HAS AN EQUAL VOICE) IN THEIR JOINT NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE. HE OBSERVED THAT GON WAS WONDERING IF US MIGHT BE WAITING TO GET FRANCE COMMITTED TO ATTENDING MEETING BEFORE INVITING NETHERLANDS.

5. ZURHELLEN STATED THAT US OF COURSE HAS HIGHEST REGARD FOR NETHERLANDS AND ITS WELCOME COOPERATION IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN, FOR EXAMPLE IN AREAS OF NUCLEAR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION, AS IN ZANGGER COMMITTEE. ZURHELLEN SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT INTEREST AND REQUEST OF NETHERLANDS TO BE INCLUDED IN SUPPLIERS CONFERENCE. HE OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED IF NETHERLANDS COULD USE ITS INFLUENCE IN ENCOURAGING COOPERATION OF FRANCE IN WHATEVER MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS COME ABOUT FOR COORDINATION OF SAFEGUARDS, BOTH FOR SECURITY AND COMMERCIAL REASONS. KISSINGER

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